



The Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Church on West Main Street, opposite Waverly Avenue, was built in 1922 and dedicated New Years Eve 1922 with an impressive ceremony by Bishop Thomas E. Molloy of the Brooklyn diocese. Originally named the Church of Saints Perpetua and Felicitas, it became later known as the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. This is a 1962 picture.



Demolition of the Mount Carmel church, June 30, 1971. When the parish outgrew this church, a new large church was built on North Ocean Avenue.



The Rev. Cyrus E. Tortora was the pastor of the Lady of Mount Carmel Church from 1943 to 1953. He died suddenly of a heart attack May 26, 1953 at the age of 42 years. Father Tortora was not only beloved by his Catholic community, but also by people of all religious faiths for his great caring for all people.